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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Nearly all the precipitation shown on the map fell on the weekend of March 12th. Since then a few widely scattered sprinkles fell in the east. Rain and snow on the weekend of the 19th brought about 3/4 inch of moisture to the extreme northwest. It did not cover the entire Panhandle.

Temperatures ranged from near normal in the east to nearly 10 degrees above normal in the west with only minor day-to-day changes. Winds were moderate; there was considerable cloudiness.

CROPS Winter grains have responded to last week's favorable weather. Fields greened rapidly with considerable new growth beginning to show in some fields, particularly in the southwest and along the southern border. Only a fraction of the oats acreage is planted--mostly in the extreme southeast. The bulk of the planting is expected to get underway soon if weather permits. Some fields are too wet now to be worked. A number of beet fields are ready for planting.

Wild hay prospects were improved by the recent moisture and early range and pasture grasses are generally in good to excellent condition, although some spots need rain. Early grasses as well as alfalfa are showing new growth.

Field work was held up in some sections, but farmers were busy taking care of new born and young stock; taking soil tests; treating oat seed; hauling manure where fields were dry enough; and doing various odd jobs around the farmstead. Muddy feedlots hampered operations in some places.

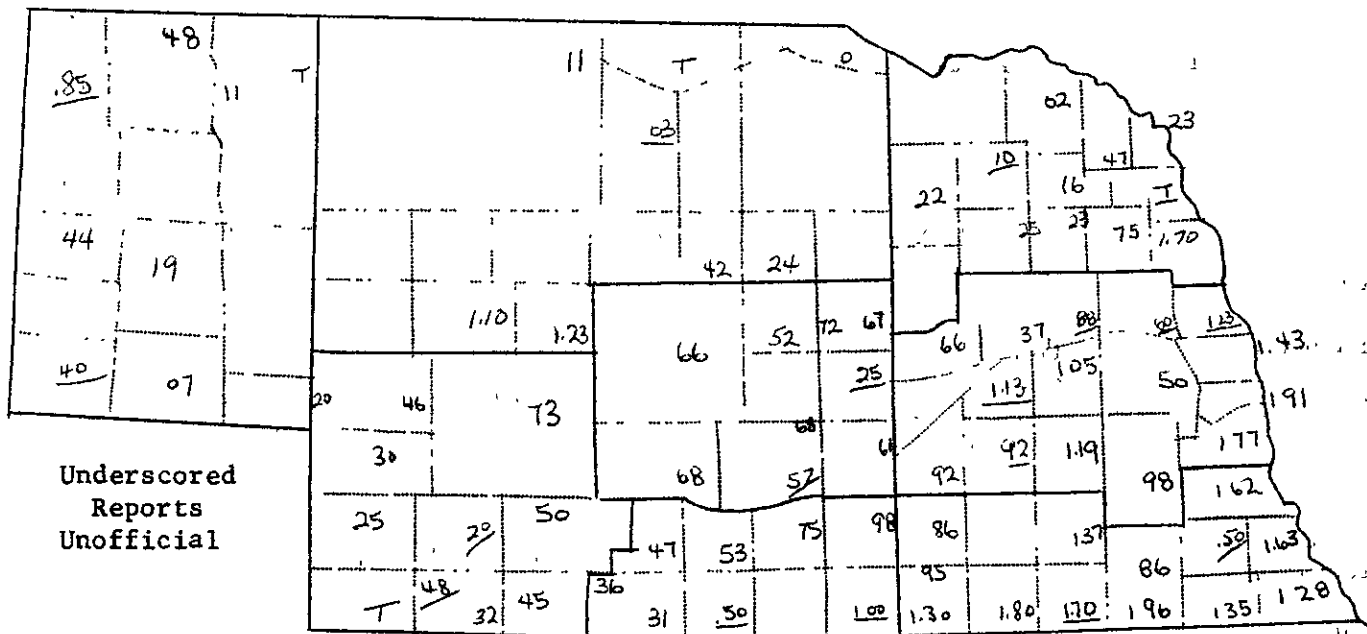
LIVESTOCK Weather throughout the past winter was generally favorable for livestock. Growth gains and production rates have been at high levels. Stock cattle are in better than average flesh at the start of the grass season.

Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into Nebraska during the month of February totaled 63,000 head compared with 44,000 head brought in during February 1960. Lambs unloaded in Nebraska during February for feeding totaled 15,000 head compared with 30,000 head during February last year. Inshipments of stocker and feeder cattle during the two months of January and February totaled 164,000 head, 66 percent more than the 99,000 head brought in during these same two months in 1960.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 20, 1961

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	.89
Lincoln	.04	North Platte	T	Imperial	.26
Norfolk	T	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	.79
Omaha	.02			Sidney	.09
Sioux City	.03				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 17, 1961



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		March		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th	
				Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	60	34	66	30	55	35	63	40	54	39	44	33	42	34		
	Scottsbluff	57	31	64	47	60	32	63	36	48	39	42	31	44	31		
	Sidney	55	24	60	39	61	31	55	34	47	34	46	32	39	31		
NC	Burwell	43	23	55	30	44	23	49	26	54	30	47	34	40			
	Valentine	57	30	58	36	43	24	51	34	59	34	47	34	37	31		
NE	Norfolk	41	25	54	35	39	20	46	29	51	30	44	32	43	31		
	Sioux City	42	29	54	33	41	25	44	29	48	30	46	32	46	33		
CEN	Grand Island	46	31	67	34	43	26	50	27	50	32	49	32	49	30		
	Lincoln	43	33	68	36	41	25	48	28	50	31	41	33	46	32		
	Omaha	35	26	56	32	38	23	46	29	48	29	40	32	44	31		
SW	Imperial	58	30	66	37	59	31	54	31	53	31	45	30	46	29		
	North Platte	52	29	59	33	52	25	51	32	53	35	46	35	42	30		

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